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**ABSTRACT**

The abstract is typically **one-page long** and should be carefully structured to include an introduction to the research topic (background information), the hypothesis [or Hypotheses or Specific Aims or Objectives], a description of what was performed (methods) and most importantly the results obtained and concluding remarks. In other words, it is a summary of all sections of the thesis focusing on the findings.

**INTRODUCTION**

The introduction defines the topic to be studied and reviews the literature regarding the subject being studied. It presents the foundation for the proposed work. It is typically 2 to 6 pages long. Citations need to be included.

**HYPOTHESIS [or HYPOTHESES or SPECIFIC AIMS]**

This is typically one, and up to two-pages long. It clearly defines the goals of the study. For example:

* First paragraph summarizes the state of the field under investigation (i.e., a literature review summary).
* Second paragraph describes the problem(s) to be solved / research question(s) and proposes a hypothesis.
* Third paragraph defines and briefly explains the Aim(s) or Objective(s) that will be investigated.

**MATERIALS AND METHODS**

**Method 1 (e.g., “Cells and viruses”)**

X.

**Method 2 (e.g., “Luciferase reporter assay”)**

X.

**Method 3 (e.g., “Purification of Virus-Like Particles”)**

X.

**Method 4 (etc.)**

X.

**RESULTS**

**Experiment 1 (e.g., “NK cells accumulate in HPV replication sites”)**

X.

**Experiment 2 (e.g., “GAP fails to inhibit IFN-γ expression”)**

X.

**Experiment 3 (e.g., “Overexpression of MAP inhibits HIV replication”)**

X.

**Experiment 4 (etc.)**

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**DISCUSSION**

The discussion is typically 2 to 4 pages long. It reviews the findings and places them in proper perspective with prior work (literature), highlighting the significance. It also briefly suggests future studies and directions.

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